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FACULTY SENATE

April 9, 1990

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Comments from Vice President and Provost Marlin.
2. Comments from Muriel Stone, Director of Career Planning and Placement.
3. The Chair announced the appointment of Dr. Karen Agee to the Writing Enigma Committee.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

4. The Committee for First Amendment Rights was discharged with appreciation.
5. The Committee for the Study of Part-time Temporary Faculty was discharged with appreciation as a Senate Committee.
6. The Senate appointed Ms. Jennie VerSteeg to the University Writing Committee.
7. The Senate Nominating Committee nominated John Longnecker for Senate Chair for 1990-91 and Patrick Wilkinson for Vice-Chair for 1990-91. The floor will remain open for nominations through the May 7 Senate meeting.
8. Professor Mike Klassen was nominated to serve on the Liaison and Advisory Committee to the Department of Military Science.

DOCKET

9. 498 431 Request from Senator Crownfield to approve Curriculum Decision and Review. See Senate minutes 1421 and 1422. Approved a motion to appoint an ad hoc committee to review this motion and related documents. The committee is scheduled to make a report at the October 22, 1990 Senate meeting.
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The Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairperson Longnecker in the Board Room of Gilchrist Hall.

Present: Lynne Beykirch, Leander Brown, Phyllis Conklin, David Crownfield, Reginald Green, James Handorf, Gerald Inteman, Roger Kueter, John Longnecker, Barbara Lounsberry, Ken McCormick, Charles Quirk, Nick Teig, Patrick Wilkinson, Peter Goulet, ex-officio

Alternates: Augusta Schurrer/David Duncan, Mary Bozik/Bill Henderson, Mike Leiber/Ron Roberts

Absent: Robert Decker

Announcements

1. Vice President and Provost Marlin addressed the Senate.

Provost Marlin provided a legislative update. She stated, subject to the governor's veto action, the university fared well in its appropriations for the operating budget. She stated we received funding for strengthening undergraduate education and the teacher education programs. She stated her academic priorities will be in the areas of undergraduate education and funding for equipment. She pointed out she will also try to assist in the supplies and services area. She related the university did not do as well in the area of capital funding. The Wellness Center was not funded, but we did receive monies for renovation of Seerley Hall. The difficulty in this area is that the money for Seerley has been appropriated a year earlier than anticipated which will create logistics problems with the simultaneous renovation to Wright Hall and the temporary housing of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. She expressed her appreciation to the magnificent efforts provided on behalf of the university by Dr. Patricia Geadelmann and encouraged the Senators to express their appreciation to Dr. Geadelmann.

Senator Wilkinson inquired if money was made available for library automation. Provost Marlin responded that no money was appropriated by the legislature, but indicated she will provide funds to assist in this ongoing project.

Provost Marlin announced the appointment of Dr. Beverly Byers-Pevitts to the Deanship of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Dr. Byers-Pevitts will take office on July 1, 1990.

Provost Marlin stated four candidates for the position of the Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences have been on campus for interviews and the fifth candidate will be here this week.

Provost Marlin stated she had appointed a search committee for the Dean's position in the College of Business Administration.

Senator Lounsberry inquired as to the progress in the search for the Head of the Department of English Language and Literature. Provost Marlin responded that she hoped to have the results to report in the near future.

Senator Quirk inquired as to the investigation which was to be conducted relative to distribution of altered fliers. Provost Marlin stated she had visited with Dean Shoars, Director of Public Safety. Director Shoars conducted an investigation which at this point has come to a dead end. The case remains open and anyone having any information about the situation is encouraged to contact the Department of Public Safety. Senator Crownfield noted the Hellwig Statement was not published by the Northern Iowan and questioned if this was a matter of editorial judgement or censorship? Provost Marlin voiced the same concerns stating she felt this item was newsworthy.

Senator Quirk, relating to a March 19 correspondence from Registrar Leahy and a December 29 correspondence from Professor Lutz, inquired of Provost Marlin as to her perception as to the need for a re-evaluation of the general education program. Provost Marlin stated that individuals have voiced concerns and justifiable frustration with the implementation and funding of the program, not with the academic concept of the program. Concerns continue to be voiced over funding and the use of temporary staff. Professor Quirk indicated the Lutz response had stated the program will never be totally implemented if additional funding is not provided and that some upper level faculty have not been allowed to teach in their areas of specialization. Provost Marlin responded it is inevitable that senior faculty will have a greater role in general education, in addition to more faculty lines.

2. Comments from Muriel Stone, Director of Career, Planning and Placement.

Director Stone indicated her office is divided into the three areas of career education, cooperative education and placement. She stated she was here today to speak about development of a new thrust in the area of placement. She indicated she would like to develop a committee on placement which will consist of faculty members who have active contacts in the corporate world. She stated she would like to be supportive of faculty visits to corporations and to attendance at regional or national meetings which have a substantial corporate employer membership base. She indicated there has been a recent 33% growth in the number of corporations interviewing on campus which has resulted in a 40% increase in the number of interviews granted to UNI students. She stated an additional goal is that such activities will increase the number of students who register through the placement office enabling her office to be of greater assistance and enabling the office to gather additional information on the placement activity of our students. She suggested that unlike our sister institutions, we who have a centralized placement service are in a position to capture data and information to a greater extent

which may be of significant interest to the faculty. She stated she would like to create a ten-person advisory board to work with corporations. Currently six of these ten slots will be designated to the College of Natural Science with the remainder distributed among the other colleges with the exception of the College of Education where we are widely recognized. Ms. Stone distributed a placement manual which is used by students. In addition, she commented on the resources of the on-campus recruiting bulletin, job seeking seminars, and the annual fall recruiting fair.

Senator Lounsberry inquired as to why the College of Natural Sciences was being targeted for this advisory board. Ms. Stone indicated corporations which typically make on-campus visits are centered in the technical areas. Currently this institution does not have enough exposure to these recruiters and she would like to capitalize on the strengths of our programs and the natural recruitment activities by corporations. She stated as we bring in these active recruiting organizations, they in turn will have a supplemental impact in bringing in other corporations who will have a greater inclination to solicit potential employees from the areas of the liberal arts.

3. The Chair announced the appointment of Dr. Karen Agee to the Writing Enigma Committee.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

4. Green moved, McCormick seconded to discharge with appreciation the Committee for First Amendment Rights. The motion passed.
5. Quirk moved, McCormick seconded to discharge with appreciation as a Senate Committee, the Committee for the Study of Part-time Temporary Faculty.

Provost Marlin requested that she receive a final copy of the document, and that she will not be able to reply, as requested by May 1. She would like to rely on consultation with committee members for further discussion in this topic and she stated these discussions can be in a committee setting or with individuals.

Question on the motion was called. The motion passed.

6. Lounsberry moved, Bozik seconded to appoint Ms. Jennie VerSteeg to the University Writing Committee. Motion passed.
7. Senator Handorf presented the following nominations to senatorial offices for 1990-91: for Chairperson, John Longnecker and for Vice-chairperson, Patrick Wilkinson.

The Chair announced that the floor will remain open for additional nominations through the May 7 Senate meeting.

8. Professor Mike Klassen of the Department of Marketing was nominated to serve on the Liaison and Advisory Committee to the Department of Military Science.

The Chair indicated that the floor will remain open for nominations to this committee appointment through the May 7 Senate meeting.

DOCKET

9. 498 431 Request from Senator Crownfield to approve Curriculum Decision and Review. See Senate minutes 1421 and 1422.

The Chair announced he had received, only today, three additional replies to this document.

Senator Crownfield indicated it is important to receive these additional comments but pointed out that discussion of this topic had been scheduled in February and had been well publicized in advance. He pointed out that before submitting this item for calendaring he had consulted with effective bodies and tried to take their suggestions into account. He stated two basic directions for curricular flow had been identified by the Senate.

1. The possibility of defining Faculty Senate jurisdiction in a broader sense but one which did not require an item by item detail inspection.
2. The longstanding concern that the process be distributed to the lowest possible level of competence while still providing for subsequent review.

He stated the document was divided into three areas which included: 1. principles, 2. primary decision-making responsibilities, and 3. operational/administrative clarifications.

Crownfield moved, Schurrer seconded to amend item 4 by adding the word "normally" to the beginning of line 3 and by deleting the sentence: "Other matters may be reviewed by the University Senate."

On the point of order, Senator Quirk inquired as to when the Senate wishes to consider the information which has recently been received from the various correspondent bodies. The Chair responded it would be appropriate as we address the individual items within the document.

Chairperson of the Faculty, Goulet pointed out the obvious difficulty which occurs in this document when it grants final approval for curriculum with the Faculty Senate rather than with the Faculty as a whole.

Chairperson of the Faculty, Goulet stated he is sensitive to those comments raised by Senator Quirk and inquired if the Senate would like to proceed further with this discussion at this time.

Senator Quirk stated the deadline that had been presented must be viewed as arbitrary when the regular meeting schedules of committees are taken into consideration.

Senator Crownfield stated he felt he had responded to all items that had been submitted in a timely fashion. He stated specific proposals for review are what should have been submitted.

Question on the motion to amend was called. The motion passed on the division of 8 yes and 3 no.

Senator Quirk moved, Kueter seconded to postpone indefinitely.

Senator McCormick inquired if passage of this motion allowed for any follow-up study. Senator Quirk responded in the affirmative citing further review based on recently received communications.

Senator Kueter citing input from the General Education point of view, raised the question of whether this issue needs to be studied more broadly by collegiate senates and other appropriate bodies.

Chairperson of the Faculty, Goulet felt we need to establish a commitment to the development of a final document. He stated he prefers to refer to a committee rather than to postpone. The Chair of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Senate Chair Maier stated their senate had found the document to be opaque and they were unclear as to the role of the collegiate senates in the curricular process. She stated their Senate felt that a more detailed document with additional input and consultation was needed.

Chairperson of the University Committee on Curriculum, Strathe questioned if the document intended to clarify flow or process.

Senator Crownfield responded if the University Curriculum Committee wanted the Senate to consider flow and process, then the Curriculum Committee should bring forth a proposal. Senator Crownfield stated he felt we should support in principle the document but recognize the desire to conduct a more deliberative review of the issues.

Chairperson of the Faculty, Goulet stated that regardless of what we choose to do, it is important that we consider the split between reporting lines for the Graduate Council and University Committee on Curriculum.

Senator Teig suggested it would be appropriate for the Senate to appoint a five-member committee to review this document and the issue of curricular flow.

Question on the motion to postpone was called. The motion was defeated.

Crownfield moved, Quirk seconded the motion and related documents be referred to a committee of five appointed by the Chairperson with one representative from each of the primary colleges. The committee is authorized to consider all related topics and issues and is required to report back to the Faculty Senate for the October 22, 1990 Senate meeting.

Chairperson of the Faculty, Goulet inquired of the maker and seconder of the motion if they would consider a friendly amendment to add a representative from the Graduate Council.

Senator Bozik stated it was appropriate to add additional representation from the Undergraduate Committee on Curriculum and the General Education Committee.

Senator McCormick stated that individuals representing these bodies should serve as consultants rather than as voting members. Senator Bozik felt it was wiser to view this matter by areas of expertise rather than by areas of partisan interest. Professor Elizabeth Martin felt it was also important to have representation from the Teacher Education Council.

Bozik moved, Lounsberry seconded to amend by adding representatives from the Teacher Education Council, the University Committee on Curriculum, the General Education Committee and the Graduate Council.

Question on the motion to amend was called. The motion to amend was defeated on the division of 6 yes and 7 no.

Lounsberry moved, Bozik seconded that the four identified curricular bodies be invited to each have a non-voting representative serve as a consultant to the ad hoc committee.

Question on the motion to amend was called. The motion passed.

Question on the main motion as amended was called. The main motion as amended passed.

Quirk moved, McCormick seconded to adjourn. The motion passed.
The Senate adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip L. Patton
Secretary

These minutes shall stand approved as published unless corrections or protests are filed with the Secretary of the Senate within two weeks of this date, April 13, 1990.